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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 97-399-C - ORDER NO. 98-718
SEPTEMBER 16, 1998

IN RE: Application of NTI Telecom, Inc. for a) ORDER
Certificate of Public Convenience and) DISMISSING
Necessity to Provide Resold Interexchange) APPLICATION
Telecommunications Services and Operator)
Services within the State of South Carolina.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina on the Application of NTI Telecom, Inc.(NTI or the Company) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide resold telecommunications services and operator services within the State of South Carolina.

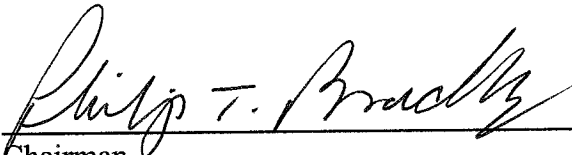
The Commission had set the hearing in this matter for September 15, 1998 at 11:00 am in the offices of the Commission. At the appointed time, no representative from NTI was present. The General Counsel then moved for dismissal of the Application, without prejudice. It appears from the record of this case that the hearing in this matter was postponed one time at the request of the Company. Next, it appears that the Company was properly notified of the September 15th hearing. However, no one from the Company appeared at the proper time.

We do not take the dismissal of a pending Application lightly. We do believe, however, and do hold that the Application in the present case must be dismissed, without prejudice. Failure to respond to a Commission Notice of Hearing brings into question the

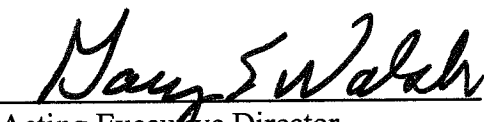
real desire of the Company in question to do business in South Carolina. Therefore, we believe that we have no alternative but to grant the General Counsel's Motion to Dismiss.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Acting Executive Director

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